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## Council Member Gaylord to be Keynote Speaker At Analytics for a Smarter City Forum on Oct. 17

Analytics for a Smarter City: Raleigh, a complimentary forum, will be held at the Marriott City Center Downtown on Oct. 17. Nearly 100 area government officials are expected to attend the event, sponsored by The Performance Institute in association with IBM. Raleigh City Council Member Bonner Gaylord will be the keynote speaker.

The forum is designed to help municipal, county, and state government officials explore ways to develop a strategic approach to business intelligence and business analytics for improved performance. According to forum organizers, leading government entities are constantly looking for ways to better analyze their constituent needs to ensure job growth and provide a stable economic platform for their communities.

The Performance Institute, based in Washington, D.C., is a private, non-partisan think-tank that works to improve government performance through the principles of performance, accountability and transparency. The institute serves as an authority and repository on performance-based management best practices for all levels of government.

The topic of Mr. Gaylord's keynote address will be "Re-Align Government Resources to Meet Citizen Expectations." The Council Member will discuss how to revamp program delivery, execution and performance management based on innovation, performance management and feedback from citizens or stakeholders.

Analytics for a Smarter City: Raleigh will also include sessions on:

- "Planning, Budgeting and Performance Management for Improved Transparency" led by Jon Desenberg, senior policy director for The Performance Institute;
- "Predictive Crime Analytics for Smarter Public Safety" led by Mark Cleverley, IBM's director of public safety for global government; and,
- "Asset and Operations Analytics" led by Tom Harris, worldwide industry solutions leader for IBM.

Analytics for a Smarter City: Raleigh will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 11:45 a.m. on Oct. 17. To register for the forum, contact 877-992-9521 or visit the event's website at [www.PerformanceInstitute.org/Raleigh](http://www.PerformanceInstitute.org/Raleigh). Participants can register up until the morning of the forum.



## **'Uncovering Southwest Raleigh' Initiative Kicks Off Oct. 23**

The public is invited to participate in the "Uncovering Southwest Raleigh" kickoff event October 23, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the McKimmon Center at North Carolina State University (NCSU), 1101 Gorman Street.

The City of Raleigh and NCSU are coordinating this venture to promote the Capital City's "creative district." The venture's goal is to evaluate current and future forces affecting change, and to develop strategies to enable residents and the City to enhance and promote a healthy, creative and economically sustainable future for the district.

To realize these goals, "Uncovering Southwest Raleigh" will seek to develop an understanding of how the district has evolved, what the physical, economic and cultural resources are, and how residents, business owners, realtors, developers, investors and individuals living and working in the Triangle perceive the district and the future of its communities.

To register for the October 23 kickoff event, visit <http://dev.design.ncsu.edu/swraleigh> or call 919-515-8182.



## **City Launches Blount-Person Study Oct. 22**

The City of Raleigh is kicking off the Blount Street-Person Street Corridors Study with a public meeting on October 22 at the AIA headquarters, 14 E. Peace Street. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting starting at 7 p.m. and concluding at 8:30 p.m.

The objective of the study is to identify multi-modal transportation and streetscape design options and strategies to improve the corridors, with an emphasis on strategies that contribute to a distinct sense of place and economic development.

The study's boundaries are 400 feet north of the intersection of Wake Forest Road at Old Louisburg Road to 800 feet south of the intersection of Hammond Road at Interstate 40. This encompasses a number of communities with strong histories, and diverse needs and priorities.

The study will provide detailed multi-modal transportation and streetscape recommendations based upon stakeholder input and a thorough understanding of community values, history and future development scenarios. Additionally, the study will include detailed transportation scenario models, streetscape plans and analysis of the potential impacts to community character and economic development potential, as well as recommendations, cost estimates and strategies for project implementation.

The study is to be completed in March. For more information contact the Department of City Planning at 919-996-2626.

## **Assistant City Manager Named Green Public Official of the Year**

Raleigh Assistant City Manager Julian Prosser has been named 2012 Green Public Official of the Year by the Triangle chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) in collaboration with the Triangle Business Journal. Mr. Prosser received the honor for promoting environmentally sustainable practices in the Capital City's communities and businesses.

Mr. Prosser was instrumental in the City of Raleigh's establishment of an Office of Sustainability, which he helps oversee. In 2011, less than three years after the Office of Sustainability was started, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce named Raleigh the "Most Sustainable Mid-sized City in the United States." Mr. Prosser's influence is behind most of the many strides that the City of Raleigh has made toward sustainability over the last decade. He has been involved in the City's numerous green efforts, including establishment of the Environmental Advisory Board, electric vehicle initiative, renewable energy initiative, Free Green Jobs Workforce training program, smart grid initiative, and the Upper Neuse Clean Water Initiative.

"Julian recognizes that collaboration is central to the development of sustainability projects. With this knowledge and backed by a great team of people, he catalyzes opportunities to deepen sustainability efforts all over Raleigh," said Liz Bowen of the Sustainability Office at North Carolina State University.

The 2012 N.C. Triangle USGBC Clean and Green Awards were announced at the Triangle Business Journal's Clean and Green Awards Luncheon and Expo held at the Embassy Suites in Cary on Sept. 14.

The USGBC is a non-profit agency dedicated to sustainable building design and construction.

## **Informational Session on Proposed Replacement of Bridges Set for Oct. 22**

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is holding an informational workshop on the planned replacement of the Peace Street and Wade Avenue bridges along Capital Boulevard. The workshop will be held on Monday, Oct. 22 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Progress Energy Center, Fletcher Opera Hall (lobby), located at 2 E. South Street.

NCDOT, together with the City of Raleigh, held an open-house/public comment opportunity for the Capital Boulevard Corridor Study in September 2011. Since that time, the Raleigh City Council has adopted the Capital Boulevard Corridor Study and will display the final report at the informational workshop on Oct. 22. The Capital Boulevard Corridor Study also includes plans for greenway, bicycle/pedestrian connections, transit and high speed rail, and economic development.

NCDOT displayed seven alternative designs for the replacement of the Peace Street and Wade Avenue bridges (three for Peace Street and four for Wade Avenue) at a public meeting held on September 29, 2011. Public input was obtained and NCDOT has eliminated some bridge options and developed several new ones. The current alternatives for the bridges will be displayed to obtain further public input.

At the Oct. 22 informational workshop, NCDOT representatives will be available between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to answer any questions from citizens. There will be an opportunity for attendees to again provide written comments. There will be no formal presentation.

Both the Peace Street and Wade Avenue bridges are scheduled for right-of-way acquisition in 2015, with construction in 2016. These dates are tentative and are subject to change.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Vince Rhea, NCDOT project development engineer, at 919-707-6039 or by email at: [vrhea@ncdot.gov](mailto:vrhea@ncdot.gov). The project website for the bridge replacement projects is: [www.ncdot.gov/projects/CapitalBlvdBridges](http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/CapitalBlvdBridges).

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in the informational workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Mr. Rhea as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

For persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak, or understand English, interpretive services will be available at the Oct. 22 informational meeting upon request. For more information, call 1-800-481-6494 prior to the meeting.

## Mayor's Committee Honors Contributions to People with Disabilities

A pharmacy chain, a disability rights organization and two women who achieved success assisting local residents with disabilities are among the winners of annual awards from the Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

The awards honor those who have had a significant impact on behalf of persons with disabilities. The Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities recognized the winners at its annual banquet at the North Carolina Museum of Art on Oct. 4. The theme for the event --- "Everywhere, Everyday, Everybody" --- focused on disability inclusion.

The 2012 award winners are:

- Employer of the Year --- Walgreens pharmacy (Triangle locations). Walgreens is an industry leader in hiring people with disabilities. Walgreens stores also are an industry model in universal design and accessibility;
- Employer of the Year --- ARAMARK, a food service agency that partners with Community Partnerships and the Autism Society to fulfill employment needs for clients with disabilities;
- Citizens Involvement Award --- Chinwe Oraefo, who created The Love Recycle Program. The organization provides critical resources such as clothing, food, support and guidance for people with disabilities;
- Excellence in Housing Award --- Disability Rights North Carolina, a nonprofit organization dedicated solely to providing advocacy and legal services to people with all types of disabilities. Since 2010, the organization has been actively engaged in ensuring that the State of North Carolina provides integrated housing options for people with mental disabilities; and,
- James E. Meekins Award --- Kimberly Evans, a graduate of Wake Technical Community College who was recognized for overcoming her disabilities to achieve numerous personal goals including school, employment and community volunteer work.

Guest speakers at the awards banquet were Chris Mackey, disability and health specialist for the N.C. Office on Disability and Health of the State Division of Public Health, and Tia Holmes, youth activist for the I Am Norm Campaign.

Mr. Mackey presented information from the N.C. Plan to Promote Health for People with Disabilities, a 10-year plan aimed at reducing health disparities and activity limitations experienced by persons with disabilities. The plan also promotes health and well being.

Ms. Holmes is a tenth grade student at Cary High School and founding member of the I Am Norm Campaign. She spoke about ways the campaign raises awareness about inclusion and provides opportunities for youth to share their ideas about acceptance, respect and full inclusion of all youth, including those with disabilities.

The Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities is a group of volunteers appointed by the mayor of Raleigh to help people with disabilities participate in the economic and social life of the community. The committee promotes employment of people with disabilities and sponsors activities benefiting them and their families. The City of Raleigh Community Services Department provides staff support for the committee.

To learn more about the Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities or its annual awards, contact Cathey Ector in the Community Services Department at 919-996-6100 or [Cathey.ector@raleighnc.gov](mailto:Cathey.ector@raleighnc.gov).



## Applications Available for Human Service Agency Funding

The City of Raleigh is accepting grant applications from area human service agencies for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

The City of Raleigh is interested in receiving applications from agencies that provide human services to Raleigh residents in five target groups: youth, elderly, homeless, those with disabilities, and people with substance abuse problems.

Qualified applicants must be private non-profit organizations with headquarters located in Raleigh, have at least one year of recent experience in the delivery of the proposed services to the specified target group(s), maintain 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, and demonstrate sensitivity to the special needs of their clientele.

For a grant application, interested agencies should contact Marionna C. Poke-Stewart at the City of Raleigh Community Services Department, P. O. Box 590, 310 W. Martin Street, Suite 201, Raleigh, N. C. 27602, or call 919-996-6100. Applications are due no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 3.

## Raleigh City Museum to Be Officially Dedicated Oct. 23

The Raleigh City Museum will officially become part of the City of Raleigh at the dedication ceremony on October 23 at 6 p.m. in the Briggs Hardware Building, 220 Fayetteville Street.

In June, the Raleigh City Council authorized the City assuming responsibility for day-to-day operations of the museum. The agreement establishes the ongoing relationship between the City and the Raleigh City Museum non-profit organization. The non-profit had operated the museum since its creation in 1993. The agreement provided for the transfer of the exhibits, collections and other assets to the City. The primary continuing function of the non-profit will be as a fundraising partner for the museum.

The museum is operating as a division of the City of Raleigh's Parks and Recreation Department. The City is funding the operation of the museum.

During the past few months, the museum underwent remodeling to create a new visitor experience. The museum now includes a new lobby area for temporary exhibits, presentations, rentals and programs, and a new gift shop that separates the lobby from the permanent gallery.

The City of Raleigh has hired Ernest Dollar to serve as the director of the Raleigh City Museum. For the previous five years, Mr. Dollar has served as executive director of the Preservation Society of Chapel Hill.

The Raleigh City Museum's hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday and closed on Monday. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and youth. Children age 6 and younger are admitted free of charge.



## Council to Hold Text Change Hearing Oct. 16 for Food Trucks

On Tuesday, Oct. 16, the Raleigh City Council will hold a joint public hearing with the City of Raleigh Planning Commission to discuss proposed changes on the regulations for food trucks.

The proposed text change, as recommended by the Council's Law and Public Safety Committee, would increase the number of trucks allowed on a lot. The proposed change would also allow food trucks within the entirety of the Downtown Overlay District. The changes were proposed after a six-month review of existing food truck regulations where no complaints or enforcement issues have been received.

If approved, the new regulations would allow a maximum of two food trucks on lots of one-half acre or less, three food trucks on lots between one-half acre and one acre, and a maximum of four food trucks on lots greater than one acre but less than two acres.

For more information, contact Louis Buonpane in the Assistant City Manager's Office at 996-3070.

## Follow the City of Raleigh on Twitter

Looking for the most up-to-date information from the City of Raleigh? Follow your local government via Twitter! Twitter is a free services that allows you to "follow" people or subjects via short, frequent updates. The City of Raleigh now offers Twitter users the opportunity to stay informed about the latest news and breaking events. To join in, visit [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) and get started with a few simple steps. Once you have an active account, you can elect to "follow" any of the City's Twitter accounts.

Currently, the City maintains the following accounts:

**RaleighGov** - This feed features links to any news releases and alerts issued by the City of Raleigh;

**RaleighBPAC** - This feed features information from the City of Raleigh Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission;

**RaleighParks** - This feed features any news and information related to the City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department;

**RaleighPlanning** - This feed features any news and information related to the City of Raleigh Planning and Development Department;

**RalCommServices** - This feed features any news and information related to the City of Raleigh Community Services Department;

**RW911** - This feed features traffic accidents reported to the Emergency Communications Center;

**RaleighGoGreen** - This feed features news and information from the City of Raleigh Solid Waste Services Department Recycling program.

To follow any of these, simply choose "Find People" from your Twitter home page and type in the account name you are interested in and then click "follow." It's that easy.

## Follow the City of Raleigh on Facebook

**City of Raleigh** - The main City of Raleigh Facebook page keeps you informed about events, holidays and other news items.

**City of Raleigh Planning and Development** - The Raleigh Planning and Development page provides guidance for the growth, preservation and development of the City of Raleigh in order to maintain a community of lasting value.

**Community Services Department** - The Community Services Department Facebook page posts a variety of community and neighborhood news, stories, awards, classes and Citizen Advisory Council information.

**Emergency Communications** - The Raleigh-Wake County 911 Facebook page posts information on job openings, public engagement and other 911 related happenings.

**Raleigh Police Department** - The Raleigh Police Department Facebook page focuses on public safety. Posts concerning crime alerts, missing people, requests for citizen assistance and more.

## Traffic Alerts

### Downtown Farmers Market

The Downtown Farmers Market will be held each Wednesday through October 31. City Plaza will be closed from 6 a.m. until 4 p.m. on these days.

For more City of Raleigh News and Updates on Road Closures, Parades and Road Races, visit the City's website at [www.raleighnc.gov](http://www.raleighnc.gov).

### Road Races

**October 20** Traffic will be affected downtown from 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. for a road race. Additionally, the 200 block of S. Blount street will be closed from 11 a.m. until midnight for an after-race party.

**October 27** Traffic will be affected from 7:30 a.m. until noon near Walnut Creek Amphitheater for a road race. Runners will use the right lane of Rock Quarry Road from the southern entrance to Sunnybrook Road, turn right and travel to the western Sunnybrook Road entrance to the amphitheater.

**October 28** Traffic will be affected near Clark Avenue by a road race from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. Runners will assemble in the 2000

block of Clark Avenue. They will proceed west on Clark, turn right on Oberlin Road and proceed north to Davis Street. They will turn around and return to the starting line.

### Street Closings

**October 19** City Plaza on Fayetteville Street will be closed from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**October 20** The Falls River subdivision traffic circle at Falls River Avenue, Dunn Lane, and Cokesbury Lane will be closed from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The 1400 block of Mordecai Drive will be closed from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

### Parades

**October 20** Traffic will be affected in the North Hills area by a fundraising walk from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Walkers will leave the shopping center and turn right on Dartmouth, left on Camelot, right on Rowan, left on Lakemont, right on Pinecroft, right on Latimer, left on Rowan, left on Camelot, right on Dartmouth, and left back into North Hills Shopping Center.

**October 20** Traffic will be affected near St. Augustine's campus downtown for a parade on October 20 from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The parade will enter onto Oakwood Avenue, turn right on State Street, proceed north to Glascock Street, right on Delaney Drive, right on Milburnie Road, right on Boyer Street, right on Tarboro Street, right on Oakwood Avenue and return to the campus.

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